

TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
March 25, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M.

INVOCATION: Reverend Rick Boshoven – Trinity Memorial Church

ROLLCALL: Mrs. Miano was absent. All other members were present. In Mrs. Miano's absences Mr. Pettit ran the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, REMONSTRATIONS:

CONSENT AGENDA:

Accts. Payable Register Voucher Approval March 25, 2014. Approval of Town Council Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2014. Mr. Hardaway made a motion to approve and Mr. Widing second. The motion was approved by a 6/0 voice vote.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

BUDGET & FINANCE: No report.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Bid opening for ADA Curb Ramp Rehabilitation

1. **Hooks Concrete and Construction Co. \$48,933.14**
2. **JJ Newell Concrete \$41,147.08**
3. **Larson Daniels \$93,193.79**
4. **Gariup \$70,870.20**
5. **Reith-Riley \$93,473.13**
6. **Davis Concrete Construction \$57,791.50**

Mr. Goralczyk made a motion to take the bids under advisement and second by Mr. Hardaway. The motion was approved 6/0 voice vote. Mr. Green from Robinson Engineering will review the bids.

2014 Spring Clean-up Schedule:

April 7th everyone North of 73rd Avenue

April 14th everyone South of 73rd Avenue

Branch and leaf collection will pass through once this season. Only loose leafs will be collected. Leaves and branches in separate piles. Dumpster will be available between April 7th and April 14th for residents to drop off larger items.

COUNCIL AFFAIRS: No report.

PERSONNEL POLICY & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:

Monday March 31, 2014 at 5:30 pm there will be an executive session for personnel.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Mr. Hardaway made a motion to approve the extension of contract between Town of Merrillville and Prompt Medical Transportation, Inc. and second by Mr. Widing. The motion was approved by a 6/0 roll call vote.

PARKS & RECREATION: No report.

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS:

Mr. Goralczyk made a motion to approve joint Interlocal cooperation agreement with the Town of Winfield and second by Mr. Hardaway. The motion approve by a 4/1 roll call vote, Mr. Spann abstained and Mr. Widing voted no.

Mr. Lake provided updates regarding Stormwater: The Drainage Improvement Plans for Southmoore Park are 95% complete. The clearing and snagging work of Madison Ditch is complete. Mr. Lake met with FEMA in regards to CRS Program, the towns rating for flood plan management program is almost complete this will help lower insurance premiums for residents that require flood insurance. Stormwater has done a preliminary assessment to Taney Place on existing infrastructure and conditions, a potential project to improve the drainage.

ELECTIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS: No report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: No report.

UTILITY LIAISON: No report.

TOWN GOVERNMENT RE-ORGANIZATION: No report.

ADA COMPLIANCES: No report.

GENERAL ORDERS:

FIRST READING ORDINANCES:

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

Ord. 14-06: An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, appropriating additional monies within the Police Continuing Education Fund of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana for the year 2014 not included in the current budget. Mrs. Barron made a motion to approve and second by Mr. Hardaway. No public comment. Motion approved by a 6/0 roll call vote.

Ord. 14-07: An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, appropriating additional monies within the Police Donation Fund of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana for the year 2014 not included in the current budget. Mr. Widing made a motion to approve and second by Mrs. Barron. No public comment. The motion was approved by 6/0 roll call vote.

Ord. 14-08: An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, appropriating additional monies within the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, for the year 2014 not included in the current budget. Mrs. Barron made a motion to approve and second by Mr. Hardaway. No public comment. The motion was approved by 6/0 roll call vote.

RESOLUTIONS:

Res. 14-09: A resolution of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, transferring surplus TIF tax funds to be used for projects. Mr. Hardaway made a motion to approve and second by Mrs. Barron. The motion was approved by a 6/0 voice vote.

BZA ACTIONS:

Petitioner: Scholastic Resource Inc./Sylvan Learning Center
Owner: Greg Janowski
Request: Revisit Town Council approval from 12-10-14 for a special exception for a tutoring business (school) to be known as Sylvan Learning Center.
Location: 1070 West 84th Drive/Avondale Plaza
Zoning: C-2, Community Commercial
Case #: Z47E18-113

There was no action that needed to be taken for this. The council was to revisit the issue of students being dropped off at the business location after four months of Sylvan Learning Center being in business, this is the fourth month. Mr. Hardaway made a motion to approve and second by Mr. Widing. The motion was approved by 6/0 voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

During this time Mr. Pettit asked that Mr. Goralczyk take over running the meeting. Mr. Pettit made a motion that Town of Merrillville enter into a purchase agreement for \$58,600.00 through the Mississippi Tiff Funds to purchase a 25+ acre parcel in the Preserve that has been designated as Wetland. Mr. Bushemi has reviewed this; this has been discussed at workshops. Mr. Spann seconds the motion. Mr. Widing thought the current owner of the property declined that price; Mr. Pettit stated no he reaccepted it. Mr. Pettit stated it is a straight purchase with no ties to Wetland Banking, Wetland Credit. This property once purchased would be managed by Stormwater Utility. The motion was approved by a 6/0 roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS: No report.

PUBLIC COMMENT: All public comment is recorded on cassette tape and kept on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office at Town Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Plan Commission Public Meeting, March 18, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Town Council Workshop, March 19, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Environmental Resource Committee, March 20, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

Town Council Meeting, March 25, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Shawn Pettit, Vice - President

Eugene Guernsey, Clerk-Treasurer